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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed on July 22, 2004, a corrected "Amendments to the Claims" section of the amendment filed on June 30, 2004 is submitted herewith

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks being on page 9 of this paper.

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